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SUBJ: SUPREME COURT ELECTIONS

REF: SAIGON 18248
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1. THE ELECTION OF SUPREME COURT OFFICERS SCHEDULED FOR NOV 20 HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL DEC 4. THE COURT MET THIS MORNING AND ISSUED A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THE POSTPONEMENT. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTED THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CURRENT CHIEF JUSTICE ENDS NOV 23 AND STATED THAT DURING THE 12-DAY INTERIM PERIOD JUSTICE TRINH XUAN NGAN WILL ASSUME THE DUTIES OF CHIEF JUSTICE.

2. COMMENT: PER REFTEL, IT APPEARS THAT A MAJORITY STILL CANNOT BE FOUND FOR ANY CANDIDATE. PERHAPS JUSTICE TRAN VAN LIEM HAS CARRIED THROUGH ON HIS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT IN THE ELECTION OF THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE. END COMMENT.

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